

Morrison Tower

Herrick Archives Number 190

A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

1. Name

1.1 Officially named "Morrison Tower" by Board of Trustees on June 15, 1962, in memory of Mary Franc Morrison (Mrs. Sidney Howell Short).

1.2 Alternate names noted:

The building was constructed under architect's project number 5941. The name on the drawings is "Dormitory 'F' for Women."

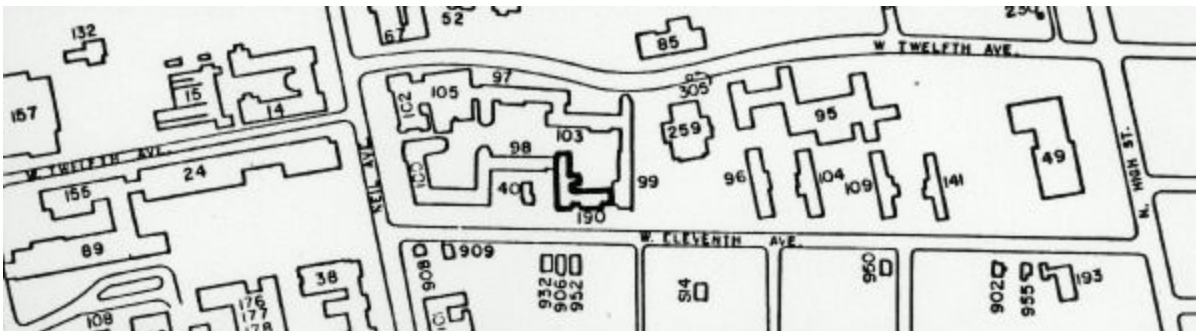
All of the dormitories south of West 12th Avenue are frequently referred to as the "South Dorms."

See Addenda Nos. 1, 3

2. Location

2.1 Located at 196 West 11th Avenue. See map below.

2.2 For greater detail, see Sheet 110 in the book of campus maps in the University Archives.



For identification of other buildings shown, see Appendix A.

3. General Description

3.1 Type of construction:

Reinforced concrete frame with brick exterior.

3.2 No. of stories:

Basement and 12 stories.

3.3 Increments of construction:

None--entire building constructed at one time.

3.4 Present area of building as shown in inventory records of Division of Campus Planning:

85,774 sq. ft. gross; 60,122 sq. ft. net assignable

See Addendum No. 2

3.5 Volume of building:

999,050 cubic feet (PP)

B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION

1. On July 8, 1960 the Board of Trustees approved the plans and related documents prepared by W. E. Linch, University Architect, and authorized the solicitation of bids by contractors.

2. Bids were received on February 20, 1961 (T).

3. On March 10, 1961 the Board of Trustees awarded contracts to the following contractors:

General: Garwick & Ross, Inc.

Electrical: Gustav Hirsch Org., Inc.

Heating, ventilating, & air conditioning: Gesling Co.

Plumbing: Tibbetts Plumbing & Heating Co.

4. Completion and occupancy:

Students first moved into the building on September 19, 1962 (author's personal recollection and calendar notation).

C. COST

1. Contracts awarded March 10, 1961 totaled \$1,665,975.00 (T).

2. Included in Business Office reports as part of "Residence Hall for Women" until 1967-68, at which time Morrison is listed separately at a cost of \$1,771,416.58.

D. MISCELLANEOUS

This building has been used from its opening as a girls' dormitory (H).

E. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X 7634--(Siebert Hall, in background)

2. Other:

M 56: 7 (December 1964)--building on left in lower left-hand corner of page.

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April 14, 1972

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Inspection of old campus maps reveals the following additional name for this building:

Dorm F

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ADDENDUM NO. 2

Campus Planning records now show the net assignable area of this building as 59,896 square feet.

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November 9, 1984

ADDENDUM NO. 3

This building is now carried in Campus Planning records as May Frank Morrison Tower.

The correct name of the person for whom this building was named was Mary Franc Morrison.

The official name remains "Morrison Tower."

John H. Herrick
August 26, 1986